

GROUP CAMPING INFORMATION:

Campsite Description:

The campsites are bounded by red and white poles. There is not a maximum number of tent occupancy, but all tents must fit in campsite boundaries. Each group campsite has two picnic tables, and two fire rings. You may want to bring a grill surface to cook on the fire ring. The campsites are gently sloped. There are no tent pads. There are three water spigots distributed around the campground. Sanitary facilities are two pit toilets (good old fashioned outhouses!) All sites are in woods under shade.

Campsite Dimensions:

Site 1: 115'x140'

Site 2: 118'x147'

Site 3: 195'x115'

Site 4: 156'x115'

Site 5: 125'x145'

Distance from Parking:

The group sites are walk-in. Motor vehicles are not allowed in the campsites. The walk from the parking lot to the campsites varies from 30 yards up to 180 yards. Non-motorized wheeled vehicles such as wheelbarrows and wagons are useful in transporting your gear.

Campsite Occupancy:

A Minimum of five people is required in order to reserve a group campsite. Maximum of 16 people per campsite, including at least one adult 18 years or older required. Groups with more than 16 campers must reserve the appropriate number of campsites.

Campsite Fees:

A \$13 per night per campsite deposit is required with the reservation. This covers up to 5 people on the site. An additional \$2 per person per night will be collected for everyone over 5 occupants.

Check-In:

Groups with a reservation should proceed directly to their assigned campsites. Park staff patrol the site throughout the day and someone will stop by to check the group in, collect fees for the additional campers, provide parking permits, and relay emergency information. Do not feel obligated to wait in your site for check-in, staff will come back until they find you in your site. Groups without reservations must come to the visitor center during open hours to obtain a group site. The visitor center is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. daily.

Area Map:

A map of the group campground is available on this website under the Park Menu "Maps and Directions".

Reservations:

In the Group Campground, sites are available year round by reservation only. Reservations must be made 2 days in advance. Less than two days in advance access is permitted on a first arrival basis. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-722-6762, visiting the park's website at www.ncparks.gov, or by stopping by the Visitor Center. No campsite should be left unattended for more than 12 hours or overnight.

Use of Family Campground Facilities:

Group campers are NOT permitted to use Family Camping washhouse facilities.

Fires and Firewood:

Fires may only be built in the provided rings. Charcoal and gas grills are acceptable but must be carried or rolled to the campsite. Campers may bring their own firewood or purchase bundles of firewood from park staff. Notify any park staff if your group would like to purchase firewood and it will be delivered to the parking area. Campers may pick up sticks for kindling in the immediate area of the campground but nowhere else in the park. Trees and shrubs may not be cut down.

Parking:

The parking lot is large enough for cars, pickup trucks, and vans only. Equipment trailers need to be unhooked and parked so as not to interfere with the flow of traffic. There is a bus parking area at the driveway entrance to the group campground. There is insufficient room for buses to turn around in the parking area.

Trash:

Do not leave trash out when the campsite is unoccupied or after going to bed. This attracts raccoons, opossums, skunks, and bears. Animals that become accustomed to people trash become problems and can be dangerous. Trash should be carried to the dumpsters near the group campground entrance.

Food Storage:

Do not leave food, open or unopened, or coolers, or food storage boxes out when the campsite is unoccupied or after going to bed. This attracts raccoons, opossums, skunks, and bears. Animals that become accustomed to people food become problems and can be dangerous. Food should be locked in a trailer or vehicle with windows rolled up. For the protection of the animals and park visitors it is illegal to feed wildlife in a NC State Park

Activity Field:

A grass activity field is in the center of the campground.

Quiet Hours:

Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Disturbances during quiet hours should be reported by dialing 911 on the pay phone at the park visitor center parking lot. Report the disturbance and location and request the park rangers.

Recreational Vehicles and Camping Trailers:

This is a tents only area. No recreational vehicles, campers, pop-ups etc. Equipment trailers are allowed.

Visitors:

Persons not registered for camping cannot be on the park grounds during closed hours.